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REFRIGERATION MEN NOT ON 'CRITICAL' JOB LIST, BUT THEY ARE STILL 'ESSENTIAL'

"Refrigeration repairmen" and "refrigeration engineers" are not on the new "list of 35 critical job categories" issued Jan. 16 by the War Manpower Commission, but this does not mean that they will automatically lose all chance of deferment from the draft. Men on these jobs are still on the "essential" list of occupations.

A WMC official in Washington, who has followed closely the handling of refrigeration field workers by Selective Service, predicted that new memorandums on the status of workers will have the following meaning to those who have been deferred because they were doing refrigeration work:

"Those in the 26-29 age group may find it extremely difficult to get further deferment. In order to do so, they will have to present a very strong case to show that their work is vital to maintaining critical war production, or in protecting civilian health.

"Those who are older than 29, however, should continue to get deferments without much question. Certainly, if they are reclassified 1-A by their local boards, they should exhaust all of the means of appeal to which they are entitled."

The list of the "35 critical job categories" is being sent to local Selective Service Boards, along with the memorandum issued by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, setting forth the priority in which induction should be made.

This "priority of induction" memorandum will be quite important. The order to be inducted is as follows:

- (1) Those not employed in any activity on either the "essential" or the "critical" list.
- (2) Registrants in relatively unimportant jobs in the "essential" but not "critical" activities.
- (3) Those employed in relatively unimportant jobs in "critical" categories who may be replaced without difficulty.
- (4) Registrants engaged in relatively more important jobs in "essential" but not "critical" activities.
- (5) Those engaged in more important jobs in the "critical" categories.

In the opinion of the WMC official previously quoted, "refrigeration repairmen" and "refrigeration engineers" should have little difficulty in qualifying for the No. 4 bracket, thus being next to the top on the "priority" list.

W. Ray Kromer, national director, National Refrigeration Service Manpower Program, upon receipt of the news about the new manpower situation, is reminding Local Refrigeration Service Councils to exhaust all of the steps available to them at the "local" and "state" levels (as outlined in the Jan. 15 issue of the News) to appeal the deferment of men in their area who are reclassified. This includes direct appeals to State Directors of Selective Service.

In cases where local groups feel that action beyond this point is justified, they should get in touch with the National Coordinator for Selective Service, said Mr. Kromer.

The National Program Director does not believe that the present situation calls for any extension of the National Refrigeration Service Training Program, which is now winding up.

"We will have trained upwards of 10,000 men by the time the schools now remaining in operation have completed their work," Mr. Kromer said, "and out of this number we should be able to get enough replacements."

KRUG SEES BOOST IN WAR PRODUCTION HAMPERING 'SPOT' PRODUCTION

"Spot authorizations" for production of civilian goods will not be canceled, but drastic slashes in metals allocations may "slow down, inconvenience, or stop" some of these projects, declared WPB Chairman J. A. Krug last week.

Mr. Krug made this statement in connection with his revelation of the huge expansion in war production for 1945, in which the entire arms program for 1945 has been boosted from an original estimate of \$56.5 billion to \$64.5 billion.

The allotment of carbon steel set aside for "spot" authorizations has been reduced from 250,000 to 150,000 tons for the first quarter of 1945, and the allotment of alloy steel was cut from 25,000 tons to 10,000 tons. Further allotments of copper or any copper base alloys will not be made, it was reported.

While nothing "official" has thus far been done with respect to restricting aluminum, the producers are said to be at present filling only "war" orders, which would mean that very little, if any, aluminum might be expected for "spot" production.

SOME 'AUTHORIZED' ELECTRIC IRON MANUFACTURERS REPORTED CONSIDERING DROPPING THE PROGRAM

Some manufacturers who have been authorized by WBP to manufacture electric irons for civilian use may drop the programs before they complete them, declares the Wall Street Journal.

Difficulties in obtaining both materials and manpower are advanced as reasons for this possible course of action. One company was able to make only half of its small 1944 quota of irons, the report states.

TWO FIRMS GET OKAY ON APPEALS FROM COOKING STOVE ORDER

Appeals granted during November, 1944, from restrictions of L-23-c, the domestic cooking appliances and heating stoves limitation order, have just been reported by WPB:

American Stove Co., St. Louis, was granted permission to use from inventory 25,000 zinc die-cast chrome polished name plates for use on domestic gas ranges.

Anderson Stove Co., Anderson, Ind., was granted permission to produce 500 Aristocrat Model 302-5 cooking stoves (fireless cookers) for the fourth quarter of 1944 and 500 for the first quarter of 1945.

FOUR EXECUTIVES PROMOTED BY McCORD CORP.

Promotion of four executives of McCord Corp. of Detroit has been announced by A. C. McCord, president. P. L. Barter is now vice president working immediately next to the president; W. G. Hancock has been elected vice president in direct charge of operations; W. W. Harts, Jr., is now treasurer; James H. Cooper has been appointed works manager in charge of all McCord plants.

NRSJA ESTABLISHES NEW OFFICES IN CINCINNATI

New offices of the National Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Association are 202 Paramount Building, 920 East McMillan St., Cincinnati, reports H. S. McCloud, newly appointed executive secretary of the association.

Mr. McCloud will be assisted in his duties as executive secretary by Mary E. Silvers, who worked in the same capacity for the former secretary.

WPB ISSUES EXPLANATION OF PRIORITY CONTROLS OVER SALES OF FRACTIONAL HORSE-POWER MOTORS

WPB on Jan. 13 issued an explanation of controls over the sale of new fractional horsepower motors below one horsepower. This explanation was believed advisable because such motors are in short supply and because many persons apparently do not understand the restrictions regarding their sale, WPB said.

A certain number of fractional horsepower motors are being allocated each month for civilian and commercial replacement purposes. It is important to the war effort that these be sold and delivered strictly in accordance with prescribed regulations, WPB said.

Order L-123 controls the distribution of these motors. It provides that no person, including a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer, shall accept any order for a new fractional horsepower motor or make delivery of one except on an order bearing a preference rating of AA-5 or better. Neither can any person accept delivery of such a motor unless he has a rating of AA-5 or better.

There are, however, two types of sales that do not require ratings. One is the sale on a farmer's certificate of purchase provided for in Priorities Regulation No. 19.

The other is delivery of a new motor to a householder or other user for replacement of a damaged motor, and the seller, in accordance with his regular business practice, takes the damaged motor in return and repairs it, or delivers it for repair to another person, so that it will be available for resale. When repair is not practicable, however, the damaged motor may be scrapped.

A dealer or repairman may also turn in a damaged motor to a manufacturer or other supplier and receive in exchange a new or rebuilt motor without a rated order.

If a motor is delivered without a properly rated order or without meeting either of the qualifying provisions outlined, both the seller and the purchaser are in violation of the order and are subject to the prescribed penalties.

Motor manufacturers, distributors, dealers, mail order firms, repair shops, and all other sellers of new fractional horsepower motors must familiarize themselves with the provisions of Order L-123, WPB officials emphasized.

STATE OF WASHINGTON REQUIRES 12° F. RECORDING THERMOMETERS IN LOCKER PLANTS

Locker plant operators in the state of Washington must now install recording thermometers in locker rooms to provide hourly recording of temperatures, according to a recent regulation announced by the State Department of Agriculture. Maximum temperature allowed by the state law is plus 12° F.

NEW YORK ARCHITECTS PANEL TO HEAR LATEST TRENDS IN AIR CONDITIONING

A panel discussion on air conditioning to acquaint its members with the latest developments in this field will be held by the New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, on Friday evening, Jan. 26, at the institute's headquarters, 115 East 40th St., New York City.

Speakers include Charles S. Leopold, consulting engineer of Philadelphia, discussing "Commercial and Residential Air Conditioning"; John Haines of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., talking on "Air Conditioning Equipment Controls"; Alfred C. Buensod of Buensod-Stacey Air Conditioning, Inc., discussing the "Architect's Part in Providing for Air Conditioning, Its Installation and Maintenance"; Alfred J. Offner, discussing engineering phases. Kenneth Stowell, editor of *Architectural Record*, will be moderator.

MIDWEST JOBBERS TO MEET IN DAVENPORT, IOWA, SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Members of the Midwest Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Association will meet Saturday, Feb. 3, in the Blue Room of Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport, Iowa. Meeting is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., with a luncheon planned for noon.

WPB CHANGES REGULATIONS ON PRIORITY EXTENSION WHERE CUSTOMER WITHDRAWS ORDER

A manufacturer who has received a cancellation of an order from a customer need not withdraw any extension of the customer's rating that he has used on orders for material valued at \$25 or less, the War Production Board reported recently.

This action was taken by amending Priorities Regulation 1 for the purpose of eliminating extensive bookkeeping requirements for manufacturers. Extensions of ratings on customers' orders for more than \$25 worth of material must be withdrawn on notification of a customer's cancellation, as previously provided in PR-1, Section 944.4a (Cancellation of Preference Ratings), WPB said.

The amended PR-1 removes certain restrictions on the sale of material that has been obtained with priorities assistance and can no longer be used for the purpose for which that assistance was given. It also changes certain restrictions with respect to the use of such material. If the holder does not in the regular course of his business sell similar material and the sale is one covered by Priorities Regulation 13, he may sell it only as provided in that regulation.

If he regularly sells such material, he may make the sale freely if he meets the requirements of all applicable sections of PR-1 and other orders and regulations of the WPB. Previously, Section 944.11 permitted the sale without special authorization only to fill an order rated AA-5 or higher.

Similarly, the regulation formerly permitted the use of such material by the holder who regularly sold it, if he had been authorized to obtain similar material on a rating of AA-5 or higher. Now, the holder may use it, whether or not he is in the regular business of selling such material, only if he has the necessary rating or other qualification which would be required from him if he were to buy the material on a special sale under PR-13 or if his use is specifically authorized by WPB. However, if the material is a controlled material or a Class A product obtained pursuant to an allotment under CMP Regulation 1, the holder may use it only as provided in that regulation.

OPA OBTAINS INJUNCTION AGAINST 26 PHILADELPHIA SERVICE FIRMS FOR FAILURE TO POST PRICES AND KEEP RECORDS

Twenty-six of the 47 Philadelphia service firms charged by the Office of Price Administration with failure to keep price records and post maximum price lists (March, 1942, prices) for repairing of appliances and radios have agreed to an injunction obtained in U. S. District Court by OPA requiring that these OPA regulations be observed.

Future violation of this or any other OPA regulation will, a Federal judge warned, place these firms in contempt of court, a serious offense subject to broad penalties at the discretion of the judge.

OPA has not made any complaint on violation of price ceilings against the service firms, the charges being simply that adequate price records and lists of maximum prices were not posted for customers and maintained for inspection by OPA agents.

HOTPOINT SALES MANAGER DISCUSSES PROBABLE POSTWAR PRODUCT POLICIES

Declaring that "resumption" models of the Edison General Electric Appliance Co.'s line of appliances will be substantially the same as those of 1942, except for some improvements providing greater utility and convenience, Ward Shafer, general sales manager, told a press conference at the winter Mart here that there will be no extreme styling changes.

He said the major appliance industry will resume normal peacetime production of full models after completion of retooling, within seven to 12 months following the lifting of all government restrictions on the manufacture of civilian products.

He declared that a mere "trickle" of postwar civilian items will begin within three to six months after government controls are discarded, but emphasized that the "M" restriction on materials would run somewhat longer. He based his estimates on the length of time needed to manufacture products of full metal variety, rather than those products containing substitute materials. Addition of an automatic washer and a home freezer to the Hotpoint line can be expected, he said.

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